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CRACK CZECH TEAM TO KICK OFF '67

— By PAUL DEAN —

The third Czechoslovakian team to visit Australia, Sparta Praha, will make its debut on Friday night at the Sydney Show-ground against Sydney FC-Prague.

Previous Czechoslovakian visitors were Bohemians in 1927 and Slovan Bratislava in 1966.

However, Sparta's record, reputation and class outstrips them all.

In fact, they should be among our most illustrious visitors of all times.

They won the Czechoslovak title 16 times and three times were victorious in the Mitropa Cup, generally regarded as the direct ancestor of today's European Champions' Cup.

Sparta's history reflects, to a large degree, the turbulent history of Europe.

They were founded in 1893 under the name of Athletic Club Kralovske Vinohrady but by the following year they changed to Athletic Club Sparta.

Under that name they won the first Czechoslovakian league championship in 1919, the same year that the State of Czechoslovakia was actually born.

For 30 years Sparta and their close rivals, Slavia, dominated the Czechoslovakian championship to an almost embarrassing extent, winning all but one of all titles between themselves.

In between Sparta also won the Czechoslovakian Cup 11 times.

Many names

When the Mitropa Cup was created by the late Hugo Meisl, Sparta became its first holder in 1927.

In 1935 and 1965 they repeated this success.

Until 1948 Sparta's future looked just as bright as its past.

However, in that year the Communist Party took over — and rapidly set about reorganising the nation's entire sport.

The Sports Ministry's (CSTV) first job was to abolish the "old, reactionary" club names — and Sparta became the tongue-twisting Bratislvi Sparta.

Soon after that the name was again changed to Sparta Sokolovo and then to Spartak Praha Sokolovo — possibly in the naive belief that in the "chase" the club's large following would melt away.

It was not until 1965 that the Czech authorities finally saw the folly of this infantile nonsense — and permitted clubs to revert to their original names.

Today the club's official name is Telovychovna Jednota CKD Sparta Praha — but just as in the previous

60 years or so, everybody calls them simply "Sparta".

During the years of semi-suppression, Sparta's fortunes were at a low ebb.

Deprived of government assistance and with their best players arbitrarily transferred, Sparta began to slide down the table, together with their ancient rivals, Slavia (then called Dynamo Prague).

In 1953 Sparta barely escaped relegation — Slavia actually got relegated — and the following year the club decided to fight back.

They engaged Vaclav Jezek, one of Dukla's top coaches, and began to reconstruct on youth.

Great fightback

To give these youngsters a chance, Sparta also signed some experienced veterans like Jiri Tichy from Slovan Bratislava, Vladimir Kos from CKD Prague (formerly Spartak Stalingrad, formerly Bohemians — the team that visited Australia in 1927) and Tomas Pospichal from Banik Ostrava.

Quickly the team began to climb back into prominence and by 1964 reached sixth place.

They also won the Cup which entitled them to participation in the European Cup-Winners' Cup where they were narrowly eliminated by England's West Ham United.

In 1965 Sparta finally won the Czech championship again — after a spell of 11 years — and thus entered the European Champions' Cup.

There they progressed well until the quarterfinals where their opponents were Partizan of Belgrade.

In the first match in Prague, Sparta, with goals by Masek and Kvasnak, scored a majestically easy 4-1 win and looked home and hosed for a semifinal place.

However, in the return match in Belgrade everything went against them and the Yugoslav team brilliantly scored a 5-0 win that put Sparta out of the running.

The end of the 1965-66 championship was a photo-finish affair.

With one round to go Sparta and Slavia were on 33 points, Dukla on 31.

In the last match Sparta lost 1-3 to Lokomotiva Kosice (Schroiff's present club), Slavia surprisingly lost 0-1 at home to Inter Bratislava while Dukla scored a 5-1 win over VSS Kosice.

All three finished on 33 points and Dukla won the title from Sparta (second)



and Slavia on a slender goal average.

Later there were several repercussions.

Sparta protested claiming that a late goal scored by them was disallowed; Slavia protested that the referee was "bent"; both protested that Dukla was "given" the title. (Dukla are the Army team, highly favored by the regime.)

Sparta are the biggest draw-cards in Czechoslovakian soccer.

Their home ground at Letna holds only 33,000 spectators — but in the last campaign their average home attendance was 24,460, or a total of 318,000 for the 13 matches.

In the current championship which is at the halfway mark — it will continue in March — Sparta are placed third but well within striking distance of the surprise leaders, provincial Trnava.

Over the years dozens of all-time greats appeared in the Sparta jersey.

In 1963 a friendly match was played in Prague between old internationals of Sparta and Slavia.

The game drew 10,000 spectators and ended in a 1-1 draw.

The Sparta team had such illustrious names as Zmatlik, Koubek, Nejedly, Menclik, R'ha, Stumpf, Burgr, Ludl, Preis, Boucek, Rocek, Sencky, Bilek and Zuzanek.

Famous players

Other Spartans who made soccer history in Europe in the past were Kada, Jonda, Hojer, Fivebr, Pilat, Sedlacek, Perner, Dvoracek, Silny, Cyroky, Braine, Kostalek and Kolsky.

In 1937 Nejedly — one of the greatest forwards of all time — played for Central Europe against Western Europe (3-1); in 1947 Ludl was the left half of the Continent team that met Great Britain (1-6).

Over the last 50 years Sparta teams have visited most parts of the globe.

Last year they went on a "grand tour" of South America where they chalked up some remarkable results: v. East Germany 3-2; v. Vasco de Gama (Brazil) 2-2; v. Universidad Santiago (Chile) 2-2; v. River Plate (Argentina)

1-0; v. Independiente (Argentina) 2-3.

Now, after Europe, America, Africa and Asia, Sparta visit the "fifth" continent.

Let's hope their visit will be successful and fondly remembered by guests and hosts alike.

This recent picture of Sparta shows the team before their match against Dukla Prague. Sparta won 3-1. The players are, from left: Kramerius, Masek, Migas, Pospichal, Laciga, Kvasnak, Jurkanin, Dyba, Vojta, Mozis and captain Tichy. Sparta often play in all-white though their club colors are red and white.

World Cup heroes in Sparta's side

Sparta Prague's playing strength is a lucky combination of youth and experience.

They have several internationals in the team including some which are famous in European soccer.

These are the players on tour:

ANTONIN KRAMERIUS, goalkeeper, aged 27, 13 times "B" international.

PAVEL KOUBA, 28, goalkeeper, many times "A" international, a recent signing from Dukla, member of the 1962 World Cup party.

PAVEL HUDCOVSKY, 21, fullback, 17 times junior international.

JOSEF VOJTA, 31, wing half, 27 times full international.

VACLAV MIGAS, 22, wing half, 20 times "B" international.

JIRI LACIGA, 24, fullback, another recent signing.

VLADIMIR KOS, 30, wing half, 21 times full international, 1962 World Cup veteran, joined Sparta in 1964 from Bohemians.

JIRI TICHY, 33, stopper, 36 times international, captain of the team, another Chile veteran.

PAVEL DYBA, 22, winger, many times junior and "B" international.

TOMAS POSPICHAL, 30, winger, 27 times international, one of the stars of the 1962 World Cup vice-champion side.

VACLAV VRANA, 24, winger, namesake of the once world champion

table-tennis star, 15 times "B" international.

ANDREJ KVASNAK, 30, inside forward, 46 times full international and rated as one of the best goalgetters in Europe, a hero of the 1962 World Cup series.

FRANC JILEK, 24, forward, 14 times "B" international.

JAROMIR MOZIS, 24,

wing half, joined Sparta in 1966.

JOSEF JURKANIN, 17, forward, joined Sparta in 1966 from a village club, considered the greatest young talent in Prague.

BOHUMIL VESELY, 21, winger, 13 times "B" international.

FRANC CHOVANEC, 22, forward, a promising youngster with a future.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS

PRAGUE v. SPARTA

KING	1	KRAMERIUS
HARCOMBE	2	LACIGA
BLACKER	3	TICHY
TRACEY	4	MOZIS
ZEMAN	5	MIGAS
VENGLOS	6	VOJTA
POVEY	7	POSPICHAL
LAING	8	MASEK
GAUTO	9	KVASNAK
SCHEINFLUG	10	JURKANIN
LISSING	11	DYBA

Referee: N. JONES.

PRAGUE RESERVES: R. MANUEL, G. MANUEL, MINER, COOPER, LOVEDAY, GAWLIK (Polonia), KRAWIARZ (Polonia), MAGLIS (Pan Hellenic).

SPARTA RESERVES: KOUBA, HUDCOVSKY, KOS, VRANA, JILEK, VESELY, CHOVANEC.

TRANSFER MARKET MOVES

	Joined	May join	Left	May leave
APIA		V. JURESIC (Millionarios Bogota) L. RIVERO (Newell's Old Boys, Argentina)		
CANTERBURY			A. SARAVAKOS (Greece)	B. TAYLOR (?)
CROATIA		R. BAARTZ (Newcastle)		E. MASSEY (Canterbury) O. COLLAZO (Melita Eagles) R. FRASER (?) G. NUTT (?) R. BAKER (?) R. MURUA (?)
CUMBERLAND UNITED			M. COLLINS (England) J. RICHARDSON (Stenhouse-muir, Scotland)	G. McPHAIL (?) D. BROMMETT (?)
HAKOAH	K. JONES (Latrobe, Qld.) R. EDMUNDS (Latrobe, Qld.)	D. PHILLIPS (England) D. PLEAT (Luton Town)		A. SAGI (?) H. NINAUS (Melita Eagles) L. BAUMGARTNER (Melita Eagles) M. BELL (Polonia) K. KAUZ (?) D. REID (Polonia)
MELITA EAGLES	A. STEFANOVIC (West Ham) T. MULQUEENEY (SCU) P. WOODS (SCU) R. HUNTER (Corinthians) L. STAJIC (Admira Vienna)	L. BAUMGARTNER (Hakoah) J. HARRIS (SCU) O. COLLAZO (Croatia) P. MUNSTER (Ireland) W. BINNIE (Scotland) H. NINAUS (Hakoah)	J. GATT (Malta) D. BROWN (Prague)	
PAN HELLENIC	J. DOUNIAS (Panionios) D. TRACEY (Prague)	P. CLEARY (Scotland)	D. WRIGHT (Queen of the South, Scotland) B. TRISTRAM (South Coast) P. IAKIMIDES (St. George) L. ROOT (Polonia-NS)	B. RHODES (?) J. SANCHEZ (?) D. HANNAM (?) D. McKNIGHT (?)
POLONIA-NS	L. ROOT (Pan Hellenic)	FIVE FIRST AND SECOND DIVISION POLISH PLAYERS. M. BELL (Hakoah) D. REID (Hakoah)	B. HAJDUK (Poland) B. ADAMCZYK (Poland)	J. HANLEY (?)
PRAGUE	A. COOPER (Ryde) P. MANUEL (Junior) J. VENGLOS (Slovan Bratislava) D. BROWN (Melita Eagles)		G. JONES (Wales) N. BADARACCO (Argentina) M. KVACEK (Czechosl.) G. SLEIGHT (England) I. KELLY (Scotland)	F. FALZON (?)
SOUTH COAST UNITED	G. BARNETT (rejoined) B. TRISTRAM (Pan Hellenic) P. BARNES (England)		T. MULQUEENEY (Melita Eagles) P. WOODS (Melita Eagles) I. ASTILL (Leyton Orient) C. DICKSON (Scotland)	J. HARRIS (Melita Eagles)
ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST	D. CLISS (Guilford, England) P. IAKIMIDES (Pan Hellenic)	J. GALAMBOS (Lions, Vic.)	G. YARDLEY (England) V. FERNANDEZ (Argentina)	M. CLARKE (?) P. BANICEVIC (?)
YUGAL	I. TAKAC (Yugoslavia)	T. STANKOVIC (JUST) A. ZANETIC (Belgium) A. VESICH (London Amateurs)	M. STOJANOVIC (Yugoslavia) L. LAZAREVIC (Yugoslavia) S. PACANIN (Yugoslavia) A. VICEVIC (Yugoslavia) B. NEZMAH (Yugoslavia)	

TOLSON SET TO CARVE HIMSELF CAREER IN ENGLAND

— From LESLIE VERNON in London —

The dressing room after the match. The tall, dark, well built boy is friendly, polite and relaxed.

He has taken off the muddy uniform of the professional footballer and now he is wearing a smart sports jacket, well-cut trousers, a club tie and suede shoes.

He speaks with an Australian accent and we are in the Workington dressing room after their game in London against Queens Park Rangers.

The player is Max Tolson, 21-year-old, once star of South Coast, now an up-and-coming fully-fledged English League player.

Tolson came to Workington last March on the recommendation of Jimmy Kelly, the old Blackpool wing-half, who was such a successful player and coach in Australia.

Tolson had a few games at the end of last season for the club, but it was only at the beginning of this season that he started to show his true potential.

Press notices

He has received some very good press notices in North-East England, where Workington is situated, and his name has also kept cropping up in the big national newspapers.

Many people began to take notice and some First Division clubs sent scouts to Workington with the special assignment to watch Tolson.

Workington is one of the unfashionable clubs in the Third Division and while the crowd potential is there in a growing community, the running of the club is slightly old-fashioned; they seem to be satisfied with their status, they lack conviction to aim higher.

The finances are tight, but the players are very well treated, club loyalty is of the highest order all along the line.

Sometimes this sincere devotion to the club and individual aspirations put an ambitious player like Tolson in an awkward situation.

"Everything went fine for me at the beginning of the season", said Max.

"Very ambitious"

"I was playing wing-half, my favorite position.

"After a few weeks, unfortunately, we had a lot of injuries and I had to switch to centre-forward.

"I have scored a few goals, but I don't enjoy playing in the forward line.

"I am very ambitious and realise that I have a great opportunity here in England to make a name for myself, but I can only do my best if I play in my best position.

"The club has been very good to me, I can't speak

too highly of them, but right now I'm not very happy with my football and the sooner I can go back to the middle line, the better it will be for everybody".

"What is the main difference between English and Australian football?"

UK soccer faster

"The game is much faster over here, not only in movement, but in thinking as well.

"One has to move all the time to be able to receive passes, shake off opponents".

"What is your usual daily routine?", I asked him.

"I am very lucky to have first class digs, which I share with my friend and the team's outside-right, Peter Foley.

"Renee Wise, our landlady, cooks an excellent breakfast for us every morning.

"After breakfast we usually walk to the ground, where we train a couple of hours.

"Mondays and Tuesdays are the hard working days.

"Wednesday we have a short practice match, Thursday and Friday are condition training.

"Sometimes I'll go back to the ground in the afternoon for extra exercises or medical treatment.

Misses family

"In the afternoon we usually relax, some of the boys play golf, but I do not play, just walk around with them occasionally, I watch the neighbouring First Division teams Newcastle and Sunderland whenever I can — one can always learn from seeing other more experienced players".

"How do you like the English way of life?"

"It is a lot quieter here than at home.

"I miss the outdoor life, the waterskiing, the marvellous weather we have in Australia.

"I miss my family very much.

"You can say that I am really homesick, dreaming of the day when I can go home and see my folks again.

"Only for a holiday, mind you, because I am determined to become a good player and this is the country to learn the trade".

"How about the food, Max?"

"Well, it is a bit dull over here for my taste.

"I prefer the meat back home, and more spicy meals."

"Would you advise a young Australian player to come to England?"

"Definitely, yes. If they have the chance, they should grab it.

"I have been moaning a bit about the weather, the food and other not too important details, but believe me I am enjoying every minute of it.

"It is a great life to be a professional footballer, a marvellous experience, a terrific adventure.

"I am very grateful to have this opportunity".

The club coach has arrived and the Workington players are slowly getting in to start the long journey up North.

They were beaten 4-1, but seem cheerful enough.

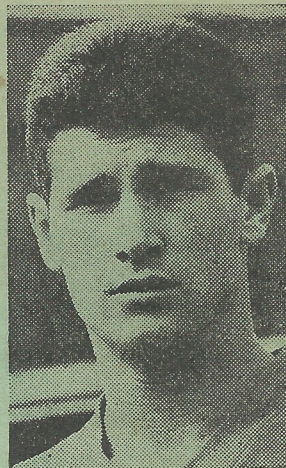
Tolson is half-way up the steps when he turns back to me for a final word.

"I hear that there is a rumour going around back home that I am engaged.

"It is not true. Please tell them that I have a steady girl-friend but we are not engaged.

"I am concentrating on football. I want to make them all proud of me back home!"

FOOTNOTE — On the recommendation of new coach Graham Barnett, South Coast United reportedly have offered favorable terms to Tolson to return to Australia at the end of April when his contract with Workington expires.



MAX TOLSON

... will he return?

TWO EXCELLENT SOCCER BOOKS

Just in case you are thinking of giving a belated Christmas present to a friend, two excellent new soccer books should fill the bill.

Noted London journalist and novelist Ralph Finn's latest book describes the recent World Cup as "grand reportage".

With the aid of six helpers, every match is treated separately — with the story written just hours after the match.

There is no "hindsight" editing and retrospective smartness about any of the fascinating chapters — the World Cup matches, from start to finish, unfold before your eyes as they were seen by this brilliant team of writers.

The style is pulsating, to say the least. Finn himself borders hysteria in reporting on the classic Hungary v. Brazil match and you can't help being so absorbed in the book that eventually you SEE the game and HEAR the noise...

Having seen the World Cup I still found Finn's book fascinating reading.

It has lavish illustrations and all the usual statistical data.

The second book is by young London journalist John Moynihan and it represents a

novel departure from the conventional.

An ardent Chelsea fan, Moynihan's soccer-infested mind wanders from one subject to another, dealing with teams, players, episodes and the whole spirit of the modern game itself.

Some of his pieces are brilliant, very much in the Brian Glanville class.

His description of the "Matthews final" in 1953 — which he saw on TV during a party — is splendid literature on its own.

● "England World Champions 1966" by Ralph L. Finn (published by Robert Hale, London). Price: \$2.30.

● "The Soccer Syndrome" by John Moynihan (published by Macgibbon & Kee, London). Price: \$4.60.

Our copies from the distributors, Hicks Smith and Sons Pty. Ltd., Sydney.

— P.D.

GRANVILLE HAS HOPES

A determined bid for promotion into First Division soccer will be made by Granville-AEK this season.

With Bankstown, Western Suburbs and Wollongong all vying for promotion, Granville's task is not going to be easy.

Since relegation to the second division in 1959, Granville have always fielded a strong team.

In 1964, the club finished in third place to Corinthians and Polonia and this was the nearest they could get to promotion.

Last year, the team conceded only 22 goals throughout the season, but lack of good forwards thwarted any chance Granville had for promotion.

Bearing in mind this weakness in the forwards, Granville have approached several English clubs, including the English First Division club Newcastle United, and it is very likely that two top English forwards will wear the Granville colors this season.

For its second team, the club plans to field in its entirety, the under-16 side which won the State Championship last year.

All teams will be coached by Bob Wall and his assistant, Max Wainwright.

During the off season, the management has set out to carry substantial improvements to the home ground, Macarthur Park.

These include the construction of bigger and better dressing rooms, with shower and toilet facilities and the returfing of portion of the playing area.

Through the efforts of the Granville Supporters Club — whose main function is to help financially the parent club — the east and west sides of the ground were fenced at a cost of \$7,000.

Last September, a provisional liquor licence was obtained by the Granville Supporters Club, and it is hoped that this year work will start on the building of a new clubhouse at the eastern side of the ground, which will cost \$84,300.

Plans are also in hand to instal floodlighting to make the ground suitable for night soccer.

Soon Parramatta City Council will consider an application for the returfing and regrading of the whole area including the parking area.

— CHARLES SPITER

Croatia have 19 players too many

This is the complete and official transfer list submitted to and issued by the NSW Federation.

Some players on the list are overseas, unlikely to return, others have retired as players.

Croatia and Corinthians players figure most prominently on the list, their combined transfer value rated at \$41,750.

Balgownie and Hornsby North End have no player transfer-listed.

APIA:

L. Gazdagh \$ 100
B. Spresian \$ 100
P. Calderone \$ 100
Total: \$ 300

CANTERBURY:

R. Dougan \$ 500
J. Geppert \$ 300
M. Groll \$ 200
B. Taylor \$ 1000
I. O'Riley \$ 500
F. Dos Santos \$ 800
J. Grapsias \$ 250
J. Kirgan \$ 300
T. Konstantakopoulos \$ 1000
Total: \$4850

CUMBERLAND:

J. Brommett \$1200
J. Brownlee \$ 400
J. Bryce \$ 200
M. Collins \$1000
J. Gallagher \$ 200
A. McIlroy \$ 200
G. McPhail \$ 500
M. O'Neill \$ 800
N. Townsend \$ 200
G.K. Hartshorne FREE
Total: \$4700

HAKOAH:

L. Baumgartner \$1000
M. Bell \$1500
A. Sagi \$ 600
K. Kauz \$ 600
Total: \$3700

MELITA EAGLES:

J. Gatt \$ 600
A. Chircop \$ 600
A. Dayney \$ 400
D. Brown \$ 200
D. Chapman \$ 200
C. Beer \$ 100
J. Taljana \$ 50
P. Wingrove \$ 100
P. Broomhall \$ 50
C. Camilleri \$ 20
J. Zammit \$ 300
Total: \$2620

POLONIA:

J. Hanley \$ 200
Total: \$ 200

PAN HELLENIC:

P. Flessas \$ 500
A. Hatzierlefteriou \$ 300
G. Yangou \$1000
V. Gallacher \$ 200
S. Gordon \$ 200
D. Hannam \$ 700
B. Rhodes \$ 600
D. McKnight \$ 400
J. Sanchez \$3000
Total: \$6900

SOUTH COAST:

B. Tristram \$2000
J. Harris \$1000
Total: \$3000

CROATIA:

O. Collazo \$2000
R. Murua \$2000
E. Massey \$2000
T. Dove \$2000
J. Curry \$2000
G. Frazer \$2000
N. Bischoff \$2000
A. Hetherington \$2000
R. Fraser \$1000
G. Nutt \$1000
M. Johnson \$1200
P. Pascales \$ 600
J. Gergely \$ 600
A. Jones \$ 400
T. Bitunjac \$1000
R. Pomahac \$ 400
G. Mitchell \$ 600
M. Guerrero \$1000
F. Nadj \$1000
Total: \$24,800

ST. GEORGE:

K. Bushby \$ 300
P. Banicevic FREE
M. Clarke \$1400
F. Lang \$ 500
D. Caldwell \$ 500
G. Tyrell \$ 200
N. Brisby \$ 200
A. Adams \$ 400
W. Ball \$ 400
B. Grant \$ 400
T. Magyar \$ 200
Total: \$4400

PRAGUE:

F. Falzon \$2000
T. Ferns \$ 500
R. Hoare \$ 800
N. Badaracco \$3000
J. Bond \$1200
J. Craig \$ 100
P. Hrncir \$1200
L. Leach \$ 100
S. Sherwin \$ 800
Total: \$9700

YUGAL:

C. Davies \$ 100
E. Katnich \$ 100
Total: \$ 200

BANKSTOWN:

R. Hewitt \$1500
W. Hume \$ 200
J. Jarvis \$1500
C. Perkins \$1500
A. Reid \$ 150
E. West \$ 700
Total: \$5,550

GRANVILLE:

I. Lloyd \$ 400
J. Guggemos \$ 100
N. Tran \$ 200
R. Hunt \$ 100
M. Yassemi \$1000
G. Kostakis \$ 100
J. Dickson \$ 100
G. Gunton \$ 100
A. Giannini \$ 100
Total: \$2200

SUTHERLAND:

R. Rattenbury \$ 300
D. Rattenbury \$ 200
M. Rattenbury \$ 200
W. Travers \$ 200
J. Travers \$ 100
T. North \$ 150
A. Young \$ 100
D. Morgan \$ 200
P. Anthony \$ 150
G. Harris \$ 100
J. Watt \$ 50
Total: \$1750

WESTERN SUBURBS:

G. Hamill \$ 200
N. Morrison FREE
J. Rozendaal FREE
J. Davis FREE
H. Hlawa FREE
L. Ferreira FREE
Total: \$ 200

BLACKTOWN:

I.J. MacIntosh FREE
R. Hall \$ 100
Total: \$ 100

CORINTHIANS:

H. Noon \$2000
D. Clapton \$2000
J. Herning \$ 300
T. Arnold \$ 600
C. Bathurst \$ 350
D. Griffin \$2400
T. Hill \$ 700
J. Maughan \$ 500
M. Moulson \$1200
W. McCarthy \$ 600
F. Preece \$ 600
R. Robinson \$1500
G. Turner \$ 300
G. Stanley \$ 300
S. Hart \$1500
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ASF EXECUTIVE MEETS IN SYDNEY

The Australian Federation's first executive meeting of 1967 will be held in Sydney this weekend.

Many matters which will have an important bearing on the coming season will be discussed.

This is the agenda of the meeting — the last executive meeting before the ASF's Annual General Meeting in Sydney in February:

AS Roma tour

Presentation of audited financial statement, financial compensation to Victorian clubs JUST and Juventus and

approval of accounts for inclusion in the Fifth Annual Report.

1966 Australia Cup

Presentation of general profit and loss account and presentation of the report of the Emergency sub-committee on the South Melbourne Hellas-Hakoah riot at Olympic Park.

Scotland and Manchester tours

Reports and recommendations of the tour sub-committee will be received and considered and fixture dates accepted and confirmed.

New Zealand under-23 tour

The proposed Australian tour by the New Zealand colts' team will be discussed, and is likely to be accepted.

Asian tour

The proposed overseas tour by the Australian national team later this year will be discussed in detail.

It seems certain that Australia will send a team overseas, but only to Asian countries over an eight-week period, covering Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Pakistan, Iran and also perhaps Japan and South Korea.

National team policy

Steps will be taken to implement immediately the national team policy for matches against Scotland, Manchester United and the proposed Asian tour as outlined last year.

1967 Australia Cup

The fate of this year's Australia Cup and its conduct will be decided.

1967

Youth Championship

Dates for the national junior titles, which will be held in Sydney, will be determined.

Interstate championship

The ASF executive will decide whether the interstate championship will be resumed.

Indications are that a week-long carnival may be staged in Sydney in the near future as a basis for national team selection.

Referees

The ASF will receive the joint proposals of Ian McAndrew and John Barclay (Vic.) for submission to FIFA with the object of receiving assistance towards a Referees' Course for Australia and other Oceania countries.

Coaching

FIFA will be asked to supply assistance by sending out a senior coach to visit Oceania to conduct lectures at various levels.

A request to the Rothmans National Sports Foundation for visual coaching aids will also be considered as well as a request to FIFA for assistance in purchasing the famous coaching film "Perfect Football".

Oceania Confederation

Australia will ask for the following representation to the newly-formed Confederation: president, one vice-president, treasurer, two representatives from the ASF as delegates to the Oceania Congress.

Football Pools

Ghana's application for the use of Australian fixtures will be discussed as well as correspondence from various State Governments in respect of conducting Pools in Australia.

Appeals

Canterbury's appeal against Saravakos' life sentence will be considered and the controversial matter of the transfer fee of Steve Katolik from Polonia Adelaide to Polonia Melbourne will be settled.

The following sub-committees have been formed for 1967:

Finance: W.G. Walkley, J. Connell, T. Grimson, T. Marmaras.

Compensation: I. Brusasco, T. Grimson, T. Marmaras.

Oceania: V. Tuting.

Manchester tour: J. Bayutti, I. Brusasco, J. Connell, J. Re.

Scotland tour: T. Marmaras, F. Parsons.

National teams: J. Bayutti. **Interstate championship:** J. Re, I. Brusasco, A.J. Brown.

Football pools: W.G. Walkley, J. Bayutti.

Player status: J. Connell, C. Connolly.

ASF secretary, Ian McAndrew, is, ex officio, available to all sub-committees.

NSW FEDERATION HAD QUIET 10TH BIRTHDAY

The NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs celebrated its 10th birthday in early January.

Or rather, it failed to celebrate it at all as the occasion was quietly forgotten in the lazy days of the off-season.

But 10 years ago things were different; the whole Sydney soccer was in a revolutionary spirit.

On January 5 some Sydney club officials met to discuss their serious complaints against the ruling body, the NSW Soccer Football Association Ltd.

These complaints were based on two major demands: club control and automatic promotion from the Second Division.

Meeting in the home of Hakoah president Walter Sternberg, a Provisional Committee was formed with Harry Miller, secretary of Leichhardt, appointed secretary here, too.

However, a mere four days later Miller resigned — and also quit Leichhardt when that club decided not to join the breakaway movement.

The 25 delegates at the January 5 meeting decided to form their Federation and drew up the now famous "13-point plan."

Despite the tremendous enthusiasm of the new Federation-orientated men, led by Sternberg and Canterbury's Andrew Burton, for many weeks uncertainty reigned in Sydney.

Rumours were flying about which club would join and which would not and many expressed doubts about the Federation's future.

On January 11 the "Sydney Morning Herald" commented:

"The breakaway Federation of Soccer Clubs now seems destined to fail."

This was the day after Granville and North Shore had voted to stay loyal to the Association, in addition to Leichhardt.

However, Corrimal, Balgownie, Woonona, Canterbury, Prague, Hakoah and Gladesville were determined to go ahead anyway.

Actually, the first four First Division clubs to officially and irrevocably commit themselves for the Federation were Prague, Canterbury, Sydney Austral and Bankstown.

At a meeting on January 16, again held in Sternberg's home, these four pledged their support to the Federation and elected Andrew Burton as Acting Chairman.

The following day the energetic Chairman announced the support of four more clubs: Hakoah, ITIA (Italian Sports Federation), Eastern Suburbs and Europa (later Budapest).

Within weeks many grounds were found for Federation matches — Bankstown, Arlington Oval, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, Erskineville and Marks Field.

By January 30 the Federation had the support of 14 clubs: those mentioned above and St. Peters, Villawood, APIA, Concord, White Eagles, Corinthians and the Metropolitan League.

The first Federation trial match was held on March 2 at Arlington between Hakoah and Canterbury and the first official match, in the Kennard Cup, on March 8 at Lidcombe Oval.

Here the Auburn v. Sydney Austral and APIA v. Hakoah doubleheader drew a crowd of 4,500 and a gate of £500.

It may be interesting to note that the first ever Federation goal was scored by Sydney Austral's R. Kohlmeier.

Of the numerous referees who switched over to Federation ranks the very first included Lever, Murray, Sinkovic and Phillips.

Later in 1957 the Federation elected its first executive which was:

A. Burton, president (Canterbury), H. Bartlett, vice president (Bankstown), E. Princi, secretary (Prague), H. Lak-maker, treasurer (Sydney Austral), I. Carter, assistant secretary (E. Suburbs), G. Liddle (Concord), J. Drury (Canterbury), C. Hoytas (Sydney Austral), W. Sternberg (Hakoah), G. Goss (Corinthians), A. Albany (Melita Eagles), W. Kadison (Hakoah), B. Bryant (S. Austral), J. Lever (Fed. of Referees) and J. Pratt (Auburn).

Later this year, starting about April, we will publish weekly excerpts from newspapers and programs of 1957 about the "Soccer War" of Sydney.

Ampol Cup starts next Friday night

The Ampol Cup starts next week Friday, on January 27 with a double-header at the Marks Field.

At 7 p.m. Pan Hellenic will meet Melita Eagles and

at 8.30 Prague will clash with Hakoah.

Sparta at Bankstown

Sparta Prague have a reporter and a cameraman in their touring party.

All their matches will be covered in the Czech press and every game will be filmed in full (they brought 40 reels of film with them).

The Sparta party will be at Bankstown Square on Friday and Saturday mornings where they will meet young soccer players from the Bankstown area.

They will give a series of exhibitions, take part in demonstrations with the kids and sign autographs.

They will be accorded a civic reception by the Mayor of Bankstown.

Friday's early match at 7 p.m. will be between Prague's junior side and a Parramatta XI.

And on Sunday, January 29, at Wentworth Park, APIA play Canterbury at 1.45 p.m. and South Coast meet St. George-Budapest at 3.15 p.m.

Most teams have been in solid training for several weeks for the Cup which promises to be the most successful for years.

Bigger crowds?

The Federation and Ampol Petroleum are jointly carrying out a great publicity drive throughout Sydney.

Indications are that attendance this year will be at least 20 per cent. higher than in 1966.

In our next week's issue we will publish the full draw of the Cup as well as a run-down on all the 12 clubs.

CZECHS TO PLAY FIVE MATCHES

Sparta Prague will play five matches during their 11 days in Australia.

The Czechs played two matches in New Zealand before flying to Sydney at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 19.

This is their Australian programme:

● v. Prague, Sydney Showground, January 20.

● v. combined Hellas-Slavia, Olympic Park, Melbourne, January 22.

● v. South Australia, Adelaide, January 25.

● v. Victoria, Olympic Park, Melbourne, January 29.

● v. Pan Hellenic, II.

Wentworth Park, January 30.

All matches, except the last two, will be played under floodlights.

Sparta leave Australia from Sydney, on Tuesday, January 31.

Sparta will play two matches in Singapore and three in Hong Kong after their Australasian tour.

They are the first team from behind the "Iron Curtain" (Yugoslavia excepted) allowed into Hong Kong since World War

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AMPOL CUP

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Hakoah v. Prague — 8.30 p.m., Marks Field.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

AMPOL CUP

APIA v. Canterbury — 1.45 p.m., Wentworth Park.
South Coast v. St. George-Budapest 3.15 p.m., Wentworth Park.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

SPARTA PRAGUE v. PAN HELLENIC — 3 p.m., Wentworth Park.

ASIAN GAMES RICH IN BRAWLS AND RIOTS

There were spectacular fireworks as the Asian Games opened, and fireworks as they closed, but nothing to match the explosions that created havoc with the soccer tournament.

Arriving at Bangkok on December 6, I was certainly not prepared for the violence that was to erupt all through the fifth Asian Games that started three days later.

Knowing the gentle nature of the Thai people, their ever-smiling courtesy and mild temperament, it was hard to believe that those same people could behave so abominably for most of the Games.

Violence and riots, mind you, were not confined to soccer.

Boxing, and especially basketball, also had their share of brawls and upheavals — but it was soccer that had the unenviable distinction of causing two deaths at the Games.

No one in Bangkok, not even the Games organisers, were able to explain the turbulence that marred this great festival of Asian sport.

The Thais were just as surprised as everybody else at the reckless behaviour of local fans.

The only explanation I can find is that the rising tide of Asian nationalism has caught up with Thailand.

Thai fans were whipped into a frenzy of patriotism whenever Thailand played.

They waved huge flags, sang patriotic songs and continuously clapped and chanted "Thailand, Thailand."

Electric atmosphere

While I was in Bangkok a local theatre was showing the recent World Cup film, "Goal," to packed houses.

The film created tremendous interest in Bangkok and the spectators were particularly impressed with the atmosphere at all England's matches.

They were taken in by the rhythmic hand-clapping and chants of "England, England" at Wembley and decided to adopt these for themselves.

Having been to see the World Cup film two days before the Games opened, I got the shock of my life when I heard the Thai fans take up the same hand clapping and chants all through the first match of the soccer tournament, between Thailand and South Korea.

The atmosphere was electric, the noise deafening as 35,000 spectators for the entire game hand-clapped, sang and roared out "Thailand, Thailand!" — even when the South Koreans were attacking and looked like scoring.

It was no wonder, that in such conditions, the Thai team played well above itself and thrashed the highly-rated Koreans 3-0 to the ecstatic delight of the crowd who invaded the field every time Thailand scored a goal.

The Koreans were visibly intimidated by the hellish atmosphere and played as though in a trance, never justifying their reputation as one of Asia's best teams.

The win was Thailand's greatest ever international soccer victory and the whole of soccer-crazy Bangkok wanted to see their team's next match — against the eventual tournament winner, Burma.

The scenes before, during and after this match were simply incredible, and I still can't believe they took place.

Two and a half hours before the early game between Iran and Malaysia kicked off, the stadium was already packed with 50,000 people — 15,000 more than its 35,000 capacity.

Two killed

Outside, however, there were still another 15,000 people clamouring to gain admission — people holding tickets because the organising committee had printed and sold 60,000 tickets instead of 35,000!

Barred by gun-toting and electric baton-waving riot police from the already packed National Stadium, the large and angry mob crashed against the iron gates, trampling to death a Thai Air Force sergeant and seriously injuring several others.

A few minutes before the game started some 4,000 people swarmed through one of the gates as it broke under the pressure of people straining to get in.

Police arrested hundreds who climbed over the walls to get inside the ground where breathing space was at a precious premium.

As I had delayed entering the stadium as long as possible to witness the fantastic scenes outside, I was unable to make my way into the press box.

I was just able to battle my way to the top of the main stairs, but could advance no further.

For two hours I was stuck perilously at the very top of one of the popular stands, engulfed in a delirious mass of humanity — and saw practically nothing of the match because from where I was I could only see about half of the field.

But I didn't really care as the spectacle on that steamy December evening was not on the field but on the terraces of the packed stadium filled with an all-time record Thai sporting crowd of 55,000.

It was inevitable that further tragedy should occur, and it duly happened when halfway through the first half a barricade broke, spilling dozens of people onto the athletics track below.

A small girl was killed as she hurtled 12 feet below on to the pink ent-out-cas track.

It was easy to see nurses and doctors fight their way through the packed crowd to treat the injured on the spot as the crowd was so thick it was impossible to carry off the injured.

By LOU GAUTIER, the only Australian journalist who went to Bangkok for the Games.

The tragic events at the game stunned the entire nation and some degree of sanity, fortunately, returned to Bangkok after the Prime Minister made a plea over the radio and television for the crowds to restrain themselves.

A pall of doom fell over the soccer tournament after the Thailand-Burma tragedy.

Fearful for their lives, thousands of fans stayed away and not even the quarterfinal pool matches between Thailand and Singapore and Japan could fill the National Stadium.

And those — about 25,000 — who did turn up were very much subdued although some characters in the game against Japan, which Thailand lost 1-5, still found time to throw bottles and rubbish on a Japanese player carried out on a stretcher.

Once Thailand were knocked out, crowds dwindled further and the stadium was only a third filled for both semifinal games (Iran-Japan and Burma-Singapore) and a mere 5,000 saw Japan and Singapore play off for the bronze medal.

HOW THEY FINISHED

- 1 Burma.
- 2 Iran.
- 3 Japan.
- 4 Singapore.

Even the final between Burma and Iran, coupled with the closing ceremony, failed to fill the National Stadium.

Don't think for one moment that the violence was confined to Thai spectators and the matches played by the local team.

Actually the worst brawl involving players occurred when Japan played Iran in the first match of the preliminary rounds.

The fiery Iranians and the tough Japanese battled it out for the whole 90 minutes of a game that flared into one fist fight after another.

Two Iranians and one Japanese had to leave the field seriously injured and the Iranian centre-half was sent off for abusing the Thai referee.

Iranian fracas

The Iranians threatened the walk off the field after the referee awarded Japan a doubtful penalty 10 minutes before full-time when the score was tied at 1-1.

The Iranian 'keeper, Azli, in protest lay on the ground as the penalty was taken.

Both teams forgot all about football in the dying stages and were far more interested in kicking and punching each other.

In utter confusion, while the referee was warning two players, the Japanese broke away and scored a third goal just on full-time.



Burma's winning goal against South Korea in the 89th minute of a preliminary round match. Maroon-jerseyed Maung Ba Pu (No. 11) is the scorer.

But things really started to happen when the referee whistled for full-time.

As the teams were walking back to the dressing-room a small Thai boy punched the Iranian goalie in the face, then ran for his life on the track around the pitch with the 'keeper in hot pursuit.

Just as he caught up with him, two policemen jumped on his back to prevent him from punching the kid.

The goalie, in a wild rage, started to punch the police, who in turn had no qualms in pummeling him with their batons.

When another four policemen ran out to give their mates a "helping hand", Iranian supporters and team-mates rushed on to the scene and a huge free-for-all between them and the local police developed.

The battle raged for a good 10 minutes, with more and more spectators joining in.

Finally police reinforcements arrived at the stadium and they proceeded to empty the ground, using high-handed methods and hitting every one — even pressmen — in their way.

Police brutality

While the brawl raged on the pitch and in the stands, the president of the Iranian FA was knocked out cold by the referee of the match who misunderstood his complaints about the refereeing for violent physical threats directed at him.

Police brutality and the Thai referee's aggression on the Iranian president, a high-ranking government official, almost caused the whole Iranian delegation to walk out of the Asian Games in protest.

The action of the police, whose task it is to pacify and quell riots and not to take matters into their own hands — especially when foreign sportsmen are involved — was bitterly criticized all through the Games because they also behaved quite abominably towards the South Korean basketball players when the Thailand-South Korea semifinal match was abandoned after a riot that made all the soccer brawls look like a Royal Garden Party.

The government clamped down on photographs showing Thai police brawling with the Iranian players.

No newspaper was allowed to publish any photographs of the riot and all shots were seized and destroyed by the authorities.

Another huge fracas took place at the end of the South Vietnam-Nationalist China first round match.

The referee disallowed a perfectly valid goal in the 89th minute which would have allowed China to draw the match 2-2.

When the match ended, thousands of infuriated Chinese spectators — Bangkok has a large Chinese minority — jumped onto the pitch and gave the South Korean referee the chase.

Referee attacked

After receiving a few kicks and blows to the head, the referee scrambled to the safety of the dressing-room under the main stand, but the crowd wouldn't budge and just stood all over the pitch, yelling their heads off and taunting the riot police.

Once again extra police had to be rushed to the

stadium, and again they hit every one in sight to clear the ground.

The Chinese, however, didn't give in so easily and massed in the street outside the stadium, waiting for the referee.

Police had to use fire hoses to disperse the crowd who gave further vent to their feelings by overturning cars and giving the beaten Nationalist Chinese players a hero's reception as they boarded their bus to take them back to the Games village.

So that was Bangkok in December 1966 — a maelstrom of violence that pushed all sporting performances to the background.

When one will recall the fifth Asian Games, violence and turbulence will be remembered long after all the records are forgotten.

● Next week: Full results and how and why Burma won the Asian title with my impressions on the overall soccer standard at the Games.

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ROUND THE WORLD

Huge World Cup profit

FIFA announced last week that the World Cup finals in England had shown a profit of \$2,500,000. The English FA will receive 25% of the profits, FIFA 10% and the remaining 65% will be split among the 16 finalists, according to the crowds they attracted. France, for instance, although they failed to reach the quarterfinals will be \$180,000 richer because they were lucky enough to be in England's preliminary group which drew the biggest crowds.

Yugoslav exodus continues

The mass migration of top Yugoslav players abroad is still in full swing. Latest internationals to join foreign clubs are Vasovic, who signed up with Holland's Ajax, Takac and Skoblar who went to France. Skoblar now plays for Marseille and Takac, who scored two goals only last month for Vojvodina to knock Atletico Madrid out of the European Cup, has linked up with Rennes.

Argentine maestro dead

One of Argentina's all time "greats", Guillermo Stabile, died in Buenos Aires on December 27. Stabile was one of the great figures of world soccer, having played 22 times for his country and in Italy and France. In 1958 he was the coach of Argentina's World Cup team. When he died he was in charge of the Argentine FA's youth scheme.

Docherty's rich contract

Chelsea dispelled persistent rumors they would be parting with coach Tommy Docherty by making him sign a new, two-year contract before Christmas. Docherty's new terms call for a yearly salary of \$11,500 and special bonuses that could amount to an additional \$3,000 if Chelsea achieved good results.

Asia's Olympic hopefuls

Three Asian teams will be assured of berths in the Olympic finals in Mexico. Eighteen Asian countries have entered the elimination rounds. They have been split into three groups of six teams each. GROUP 1: Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Lebanon, South Vietnam, Philippines. GROUP 2: Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Pakistan, Indonesia, Iraq. GROUP 3: Burma, India, Iran, Israel, North Korea, Ceylon. Matches in each group will be played as a round-robin with the winners of each pool qualifying for Mexico. Group 1 will be played in Japan, Group 2 in Bangkok and Djakarta and Group 3 in Israel. Group 1 and 2 competitions will be held in March this year and the Group 3 round-robin in March 1968.

Italian stars heavily taxed

According to official figures released by the Italian Taxation Bureau, Luis Suarez, the Inter Milan star, is the best paid player in Italian soccer. Suarez in 1966 had to pay \$10,000 in taxes. He is the top soccer earner as the second on the list is the Brazilian Amarildo, who was taxed \$5,000, \$300 more than the Inter winger Corso.

Pele bows to Spencer

For only the third time since 1958 Pele has not been chosen as South America's "Player of the Year". The trophy, awarded yearly by the Association of South American football writers went to Penarol Montevideo's Ecuador-born centre-forward, Alberto Spencer, for his superb displays in the Intercontinental Cup final against Real Madrid in November 1966.

Russians will tour USA

Soviet teams will tour the United States for the first time this year. Dynamo Moscow (with Lev Yashin) and Lokomotiv Moscow will play in New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Los Angeles in June and July. Dynamo will also take part in a tournament with Valencia of Spain and Manchester United, on their way home from Australia, in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Another "team of the year"

The Belgrade newspaper, SPORT, conducted a poll among 25 soccer writers throughout the world to select 1966's European "team". The following "team" was selected: Banks (England) — Schnellinger (West Germany), J. Charlton (England), Facchetti (Italy) — Beckenbauer (West Germany), Moore (England) — Bene (Hungary), B. Charlton (England), Albert (Hungary), Eusebio (Portugal), Corso (Italy).

The North Koreans have completed details of their Eastern and Central European tour which will take place in May. The Koreans will play in Moscow, Bucharest, Prague, Budapest, Sofia and Warsaw. The tour, however, may not eventuate as the Koreans could be suspended by FIFA for taking part in last month's "outlawed" GANEFO Games in Cambodia.

● Ferencvaros and Hungary star Florian Albert and his wife are spending three weeks in Brazil as guests of the wealthy Fluminense FC.

● After 11 years of brilliantly successful service, Santos coach Lula has been unceremoniously sacked.

● The wife of ex-Honved and Barcelona star Sandor Kocsis is in hospital in critical condition after a car smash.

● Barcelona have signed Corinthians Sao Paulo's Brazilian international inside-forward Walter Machado da Silva ("Silva"). The transfer fee was \$180,000.

● "Co" Prins, one of Holland's best known internationals, has accepted a lucrative offer to play for two years with the US professional club Atlanta.

● Igor Netto, captain of the USSR national team between 1957 and 1961, now coaches the Cypriot club, Omonia Nicosia.

● Nacional at last managed to dethrone Penarol as champions of Uruguay. Nacional won the league title with two points to spare over the reigning world club champions.

● Former England goalkeeper Bert Williams has donated \$3,000 to the city of Bolton for the creation of a Youth Sports Centre.

● Czechoslovakia's current "autumn champions," Sparta Trnava, were beaten 2-0 by the Iranian national team, silver medalists at the recent Asian Games, in Teheran on New Year's Day.

● Mexico beat Switzerland 4-0 at the new Aztec Stadium in Mexico City a fortnight ago.

● Josef Masopust has been chosen as Czechoslovakia's "Player of the Year" for 1966.

● Starting this year Spain and the USSR are to have closer soccer relations. Both countries have agreed to play a match annually and to organise four to six tours by club teams every year.

REAL, INTER TO CLASH

Inter Milan and Real Madrid have been drawn to meet in the quarterfinals of the European Champions' Cup.

The clash between Europe's two most titled clubs puts all the other European Champions' Cup and Cup-Winners' Cup quarterfinal ties in the shade.

This is the draw for both European Cups:

European Champions' Cup

Inter Milan v. Real Madrid
Vojvodina v. Celtic Glasgow
Linfield v. Red Banner Sofia
Ajax Amsterdam v. Dukla Prague.

European Cup-Winners' Cup

Glasgow Rangers v. Real Zaragoza
Rapid Vienna v. Bayern Munchen
Servette Geneva v. Slavia Sofia
Gyor v. Standard Liege.

All matches must be completed by March 31.

● Fourteen countries will take part in the soccer tournament at the Mediterranean Games in Tunis in September: France, Algeria, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, Egypt, Yugoslavia and Libya.

● Uruguay's new national coach is Juan Carlos Corazzo.

● Russia, too, have a new national coach. Mikhail Yakushin, 56, formerly of Dynamo Moscow, has replaced the ageing Morozov who resigned after the USSR's shock defeat against Turkey.

● Didi will soon leave Sao Paulo FC. He is likely to coach the Peruvian team, Miraflores, now managed by sacked Brazilian boss Feola.

● Stade Abidjan (Ivory Coast) defeated Real Bamako (Guinea) 4-1, after extra-time, to take out the second African Champions' Cup.

● Pele will be a guest player in Lisbon this weekend when Benfica and Sporting play a testimonial match for Portugal's World Cup defender, Vicente, who lost an eye in a car crash three months ago.

● West Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt were unbeaten on their recently concluded four-match world tour. They beat Zamalek of Cairo 3-1, Hong Kong 4-1, Nationalist China 4-1 and Ceylon 7-0.

● The current Japanese champions, Toyo Kogyo, will play in Hong Kong on January 24 and 26. The team includes three Japanese internationals who clinched the bronze medal at the recent Asian Games in Bangkok.

● Santos will spend an estimated \$500,000 during the current Brazilian off-season to strengthen their team which had their worst season for 10 years in 1966.

● The US Professional League has signed three promising young Swedes: Lindman and Wiestal from Djugaarden and Selander from Helsingborg.

● Hans Pesser will take over as Austria's national team coach on July 1.

● Garrincha, who can no longer hold his place in Corinthians Sao Paulo's first team, is seriously considering migrating to the USA.

● Omar Sivori, the star Napoli forward, is likely to accept a coaching position in his native Argentina, with Racing Buenos Aires, when his Italian contract expires in June 1968.

● Anderlecht of Belgium are after Ante Pantelic, Vojvodina's Yugoslav "B" international goalie.

● Fiorentina's Swedish winger, Kurt Hamrin, currently Italy's top goalscorer, wants to end his career next season with Inter Milan.

Sir Stanley's bid fails

The English FA last week elected Dr. Andrew Stephen as its new president. Stephen won on the second ballot from FIFA president, Sir Stanley Rous. Sir Stanley was only five votes short of a two-third majority in the first ballot, but many delegates switched their votes to Andrew Stephen in the second round of voting. Dr. Stephen, a Scot, is the president of Sheffield Wednesday.

FIFA Congress in Africa

FIFA's next Congress will be held in the Ethiopian capital of Addis-Abeba in September 1968. The Congress originally was to be held in Accra, Ghana, but recent political turmoil in Ghana caused the change in venue.

North Korea wins GANEFO

North Korea, fielding the same players that took England by storm during the World Cup finals, won the GANEFO soccer tournament in Phnom-Penh last month. The Koreans beat Red China 2-1 in the final. It was a very rough match and the Chinese were unlucky to lose. They played the better football and were very much on top throughout, but the Koreans, through Pak Do Ik — the man who knocked Italy out of the World Cup — scored the winning goal in the 89th minute against the run of play after trailing 0-1 at half-time. North Vietnam were third and Cambodia fourth. The Cambodians, who held Australia to a scoreless draw in 1965, lost 0-4 to China and 0-2 to North Korea.

South Pacific Champions

Tahiti sprung a surprise by beating the favored New Caledonia 2-0 in the final of the recent South Pacific Games which were held in Noumea early last December. The match was played at the brand-new Magenta Stadium, in front of a record crowd of 12,000.

Musical chairs

Many leading Hungarian clubs have changed coaches in the recent off-season. Former national team manager Lajos Baroti is now with Ujpest, MTK's Karoly Lakat is with Ferencvaros and Tatabanya's Nandor Hidegkuti is with MTK. The national team coach-manager is now officially Rudolf Illovszky.

● Fritz Walter is likely to be appointed technical director of Kaiserslautern, the club he played for when he was Germany's soccer idol.

● Belgium's "Player of the Year" is the relatively unknown Antwerp forward Wilfried Van Moer.

● As from 1968 Asia will also have its competition for champion clubs, based on the European and South American Cup.

● Dragan Djadic, the Red Star Belgrade forward, is Yugoslavia's "Player of the Year" for 1966.

● This Sunday will be a doubly happy day for Alf Ramsey: it will be his 44th birthday and he will be officially knighted by Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: Arsenal v. Manchester City 1-0; Aston Villa v. Blackpool 3-2; Burnley v. Newcastle United 0-2; Everton v. Sheffield United 4-1; Fulham v. West Bromwich Albion 2-2; Manchester United v. Tottenham 1-0; Notts Forest v. Leeds 1-0; Sheffield Wednesday v. Liverpool 0-1; Southampton v. Leicester 4-4; Sunderland v. Chelsea 2-0; West Ham v. Stoke City 1-1.

HOLLAND: Telstar v. PSV 1-1; Willem II v. Sittardia 0-1; DOS Utrecht v. Sparta Rotterdam 1-3; Feyenoord v. DWS 3-2; Ajax v. Twente 6-1; GVAV v. NAC 1-0; Fortuna Geelen v. Elinkwijk 2-0; ADO v. Xerxes 0-1; Go Ahead v. MVV 3-0.

ITALY: Brescia v. Torino 0-1; Fiorentina v. Inter Milan 1-2; Foggia v. Lazio 2-1; Juventus v. Vicenza 2-0; Mantova v. Atalanta 0-0; Milan AC v. Bologna 1-1; Napoli v. Lecco 4-1; AS Roma v. Venezia 1-0; Spal v. Cagliari 0-0.

PORTUGAL (CUP): Lusitano v. Benfica 1-3; Porto v. CUF 3-2; Braga v. Atletico 2-0; Setubal v. Sintrense 3-0; Helder v. Belenenses 0-0; Leixoes v. Tirsense 3-1; Leca v. Academica 1-2; Montijo v. Beira Mar 4-0; Penafiel v. Guimaraes 1-2.

SCOTLAND: Airdreonsians v. Dunfermline 0-3; Ayr United v. Falkirk 0-1; Clyde v. Aberdeen 0-0; Dundee v. Hearts 1-1; Hibernian v. Motherwell 2-1; Rangers v. Dundee United 3-1; St. Johnstone v. Celtic 0-4; St. Mirren v. Partick Thistle 0-3; Stirling Albion v. Kilmarnock 1-4.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

A testimonial match for the widow of the late Ray Neal, who was killed in a car accident in December, will be staged at Marks Field on Wednesday, February 15, at 8 p.m. Hakoah, Neal's last First Division club, will play a Combined XI headed by Johnny Watkiss, Neal's team-mate at Canterbury from 1958 to 1960. The Combined team will include players vying for selection in the Australian national team to play Scotland and Manchester United.

ANTE ZANETIC, the Yugoslav international mid-field player, is likely to join Yugal soon from Belgium. Zanetic will be accompanied by Alexander Vesich, a young Yugoslav now playing in a London amateur team.

Melita Eagles scooped all other Sydney clubs when they signed young ALEX STEFANOVIC the minute he stepped off the plane from England. Stefanovic, 18, spent two years with West Ham United and played for the Hammers' reserve side. A South Coast product, Stefanovic is destined for a brilliant career and may develop into one of Sydney's best players.

Canterbury's former star, SARAVAKOS, has returned to Greece for good. This weekend the ASF will hear his appeal against his life suspension.

JOHN WARREN will stay with St. George-Budapest. In the off-season the brilliant young forward received two lucrative offers but after a short deliberation turned them down.

Prague have rejected a \$1000 offer by Melita Eagles for fullback FRED FALZON.

Neither MITA STOJANOVIC nor LJUBA LAZAREVIC are likely to return to Australia. Stojanovic now works as a clerk in Belgrade and Lazarevic attends the university. Neither plays top grade soccer.

Prague have signed 18-year-old Ryde youngster ALAN COOPER, the youngest son of Marsfield Club head coach Ted Cooper. Young Alan, a well built forward, is predicted a bright future by Prague coach Venglos.

South Coast's former talented young keeper, IAN ASTILL, has a temporary contract with English Fourth Division club Leyton Orient.

CUMBERLAND have almost completed negotiations with a top British professional whose name they are keeping a big secret. The player will arrive in Australia as soon as he is cleared by the Immigration Department.

Polonia have replaced coach Nick Szegedi with JOHN NOWACKI who will be player-coach. His assistant will be Ginter Gawlik while third team coach will be again Colin Brady.

Saints' brilliant forward VIC FERNANDEZ, now at home in Argentina with his New Zealand-born wife, has so far not given any indication to club president Les Boudacs or his closest friend, John Warren, in his many letters whether he intends to return to Sydney or stay in Buenos Aires.

APIA expect their 24-year-old Argentinian forward star, LUIS OSCAR RIVERO to arrive at the end of February. Rivero's last club was first division side Newell's Old Boys in Rosario.

Former South Coast junior KARL MINOR who has had a season with the junior side of London's crack West Ham United, plans to leave soon for the USA where he will join the breakaway Hartford

(Connecticut) club as full professional on a two-year contract.

St. George players CALDWELL, TYRRELL and LANG who were on loan during 1966 to Melita Eagles, have all returned to their original club.

One local player and one top class importation from Greece — these are the planned reinforcements of CANTERBURY. All their players of '66 are likely to stay with the club and so is coach, Julius Polgar.

Granville's forward TIBOR MAGYAR left Sydney recently to settle down in the USA.

Five first and second division players are expected from Poland to join POLONIA. Two may be here very shortly, the others later in the year.

One of the leaders of the FEDERATION has been unofficially informed that he is in line for a high governmental honor from his native country.

Four young Papuans will arrive next week to Sydney with a two-year scholarship. All will play in CANTERBURY.

MAX TOLSON, the brilliant ex-South Coast youngster has been switched to the pivot's position in his English Third Division club, Workington. In recent weeks Tolson also played at wing half, inside forward and centre forward. Workington are among the poorest drawcards in their division.

GRENVILLE JONES, the long-serving Prague defender, returned to Wales early this month with his family to await the birth of their first child. Jones is most unlikely to come back to Australia.

JOHN GALAMBOS will ask his Melbourne club, Lions, to put him on the transfer list as he doesn't want to fly down from Sydney every weekend for the matches.

MELITA EAGLES have secured the Cedar Ballroom in Addison Road, Marrickville, as their new club premises. This is the second time that the club has tried to get the use of these spacious premises, which are ideal for billiards, table-tennis and other recreational facilities for their members. At a later stage, the committee intends to apply for a liquor licence.

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST's application for a liquor licence will come before court on January 23.

NORBERTO BADARACCO of Prague, who is on holiday in Argentina with his wife, has indicated to club secretary George Warner that he is keen to come back to Australia. The snag — for both player and club — is the sizeable airfare.

Another CUSH has joined Croatia. He is 16-year-old Ron, the younger brother of Frank and Ray. The youngest of the Cushes is a forward and is said to be as exciting a prospect as his already well established brothers.

ALICK JEFFREY, the former Prague and Auburn star who had a serious car accident in September in which another player got killed, has now returned to his Third Division side Doncaster Rovers, celebrating his reappearance with a hat-trick in the first match.

LEN ROOT, the talented young Australian goalkeeper has returned to Polonia from Pan Hellenic.

Prague youngsters COLIN BEARD and VIC LOWRIE, on "apprenticeship" with Slovan Bratislava, have progressed enormously. Beard likes it so much in Czechoslovakia, where his football ability is held in very high esteem, that he may stay another two or three years in Bratislava.

The Annual Meeting of the NSW Federation of SOCCER COACHES will be held at Hellenic House, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, on Friday, January 27 at 8 p.m.

ROY BLITZ is expected back in Sydney any day. Blitz created quite a stir when he sailed back to the UK unexpectedly last August.

An attractive "trial" double-header will be staged at Wentworth Park on Saturday.

At 1.45 p.m. Pan Hellenic will play Polonia-North Side and at 3.30 p.m. APIA and Croatia will meet.

The four teams are treating Saturday's matches as a full dress rehearsal for next week's Ampol Cup in which all teams, except Croatia, will make their official 1967 debut.

As all four teams are already fairly well advanced in their training, fans should see some good, keen football.

During POLONIA's special summer coaching courses more than 40 youngsters received regular tuition. Polonia now train three times a week (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) at Concord Oval.

Pan Hellenic have officially transferred their former Scottish fullback, DOUG WRIGHT, to Queen of the South in Scotland.

The wife of BRIAN LINCOLN, winner of SOCCER WORLD's 1966 "star award", is expecting a baby any time now.

DAVE TODD, the former St. George winger and Australian World Cup player now lives in Liverpool, England. For a short spell he was playing with a Welsh non-League club but now is hopeful of being signed by Tranmere Rovers, where George Yardley is also starring.

JACK CURRY has fully recovered from the serious back injury that put him out of action for most of last season. The Irish-born stopper is back on deck training with Croatia.

Before last weekend only four APIA players had renewed their contracts: ARCHIE BLUE, FILIPPO BOTTAICO, JOHN WATKISS and CLIFF VAN BLERK. All the others, with perhaps one notable exception, are expected to do likewise by the end of the month.

JIM HEWLETT, the Melita Eagles forward, became the father of a baby daughter before Christmas.

GEORGE YARDLEY, St. George's former prolific scorer, is now a regular centre forward of English Fourth Division Tranmere Rovers.

SOT PATRINOS was married on January 1 to Miss Themis Efthimiou.

APIA have had a very quiet off-season. They have not signed any new players and no one on their books left the club. The management, rightly we may add, feels that last year's players who all but scooped the local and national pool will do just as well in 1967. Negotiations, however, at the moment are taking place with a couple of South American players.

JOHN WATKISS was married last Saturday to Judith Potter.

MELITA EAGLES and SOUTH COAST will meet in a trial game at Woonona on Sunday. The reserve grades will meet in the early game, starting at 1.30 p.m.

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Australian international VIC REYNOLDS has had a welcome addition to his family. His wife just before Christmas gave birth to their first child, a daughter.

KEN FERGUSON and BILL MACMURRAY were re-elected president and senior vice-president of Cumberland at last week's Annual General Meeting. The position of secretary is vacant at the moment as John Waddell did not stand for re-election. The post was offered to Ossie Phillips, who declined on grounds of ill health.

Polonia's HENRY CEBULA married Margaret Miller last month and plans to settle down in Sydney for good.

Don't say we didn't tell you so... On the front page of our December 2, 1966 issue we tipped ADAUTO IGLESIAS to become APIA's coach. The former Real Madrid 'keeper was officially appointed to succeed Joe Marston on January 3 this year.

BILL VROLYKS has replaced Walter Tamandl, now visiting Austria with his wife, as Pan Hellenic's coach.

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The enterprising EAST-SIDE-MTK club, now promoted from fourth to second division in the Inter-Suburban League, will start their preparations on Sunday at 9.30, at Lough Playing Field, corner of Manning and Suttie Street, Woollahra. Interested players and supporters should contact secretary Peter Scott, phone: 30-9228. The club is also keen to launch a field-handball segment and for this purpose has called a meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at 8 p.m., at the Randwick Literary Institute, 60 Clovelly Road, Randwick.

Hakoah will sponsor two NEW CALEDONIAN players later this year to train with their first team. The scheme was implemented to repay the New Caledonians for the hospitality showered on Hakoah when they visited Noumea last November.

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FERDO DUNAJ and Yugal have patched up their differences. Dunaj will captain-coach Yugal this season. Former coach Joe Vlasits, a top official of the Australian Federation of Soccer Coaches, will revert to national and local coaching of juniors.

POLONIA have secured three dates for the season at North Sydney Oval; the other home matches will be played at Drummoyne.

JIM FERNIE has been coaching Cumberland at training while Len Qusted is on holidays. A squad of 15 play-

ers, including those listed for transfer, have been training for the Ampol Cup since January 8.

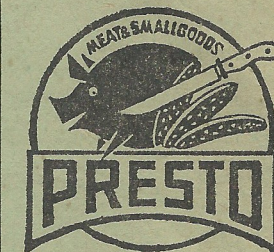
Canterbury secretary ANDREW VASS plans a massive appeal to the club supporters to behave at all matches. "We are on a \$2000 bond and we'd like to have that back by the end of 1967," he said.

Croatia hope to have two new players from Newcastle in time for their Ampol Cup debut. They are releasing no names at present but one of the players is rumoured to be RAY BAARTZ.

DAVID CLISS, newly arrived St. George forward is described as the "greatest young prospect of all time" by London journalist Ralph L. Finn in his book, "England, World Champions". However, Finn adds that the ex-Chelsea youngster failed to improve as expected and "has faded into obscurity". Now Cliss is itching to prove him wrong.

Ex-Prague star GEOFF SLEIGHT may soon be back in Sydney from England. He had an unsuccessful trial with Third Division Bristol Rovers, then tried his luck with small non-League clubs. Sleight wrote to friends in Sydney that he just couldn't get used to the soft, muddy English pitches again.

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SECOND CUP ROUND IS CERTAIN TO EXCITE VICTORIANS

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Fresh from the successful first round with its big crowd, the Victorian Federation and contesting clubs will be hoping for a repeat this Friday night when the second round gets under way with another two attractive pairings who on paper seem well matched.

Hakoah v. Croatia

Neither side have won the night soccer competition although Hakoah did manage to reach the final in 1965 only to be decisively beaten by George Cross.

So far there has been no announcement of new signings or transfers in either camp.

Hakoah may be without keeper Mike O'Hara who returned to England for a holiday late in 1966 while Croatia's position with former skipper and coach — Duncan MacKay the ex-Glasgow Celtic and Scottish international is still obscure.

Under suspension by the club, MacKay has had a big offer from the Hartford club in Connecticut in America.

Physically Hakoah have a decided pull, but in flexibility and pace Croatia are well ahead.

If Croatia fail to resolve their differences with Duncan MacKay they could be in trouble as their defence is shaky.

On the other hand the fast moving Croatia attack will be a stern test for a resolute and steady Hakoah defence.

Juventus v. Polonia

Juventus won the night soccer in 1959 but Polonia went one better by winning the competition both in 1963 and 1964.

The Juventus attack will be strengthened by the inclusion of John Bell who broke his leg in the night soccer game against JUST last year.

But the Italian side are minus keeper Dieter Voigt who has returned to Germany.

This won't be easy for Juventus trying to get back on the rails and while they are much more experienced than the youthful Polonia side they will find themselves getting the run-around by their speedy opponents.

Full back Gentry will have a tough assignment against flyer Plaskota.

Melbourne program

Venue: Olympic Park.

Date: Friday, January 20.

Matches: Hakoah v. Croatia at 8 p.m.
Juventus v. Polonia at 9.25 p.m.

Likely teams:

HAKOAH: O'Hara or Walker, Keith, John O'Neill, Murney, Van Alphen, Stenhouse or Jim O'Neill, Fry, Armstrong, Monan, Smith, Purdie.

CROATIA: Kovacek, Bot, McLachlan or Gunn, Rau, Becsi, J. McKay, Adlam, Vojtek, Currie, McIntyre or McArthur, Keenan.

JUVENTUS: Medri, Gentry, Balter, Millar, Scott, Closs, Torque, Corti, Norman, Bell, Barbazza. Plus Luckhurst, Fogale, Della Rocca, Sonsini.

POLONIA: Majerczak, Cierpiez, Marmur, Janczyk, Gross, Olinowski, Kowalec, Gajda, Siwka, Adamczyk, Plaskota. Plus: Blank, Knot, Snopkowski.

SLAVIA, HELLAS IN SHOCK LOSS

Melbourne's Ampol Cup opened last Friday in perfect weather and despite the holiday season a 7,000 crowd turned up at 80 cents a time and were treated to two shock results:

MELBOURNE v. SLAVIA 4-0.

JUST v. HELLAS 2-0.

Playing fast and direct soccer, Melbourne ran rings round a lethargic and cumbersome Slavia and at no time during the match was the result ever in doubt.

Hungarian-born local product Otie Abonyi capped a fine display with a well taken hat-trick with Frank Stoffels scoring the other goal.

Scorers: Abonyi (3) and Stoffels.

Referee: Lou Straface.

Fielding a make-shift side after disagreement with some of their players and with Australian star Billy Rice dropped after reports of excessive financial demands JUST's prospects looked dim as Hellas attacked from the start.

A quick injury to star

JUST forward Ambrose Morgan hardly helped their cause.

No scoring at half time but with JUST coming more into the picture, it was left to Morgan's replacement Tony Kazi to dump Hellas with two well taken goals.

Scorer: Kazi (2).
Referee: Bob Armstrong.

Adelaide expects to see Ampol Cup records

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

The SA Ampol Cup night series for 1967 kicked-off at Norwood Oval last Monday night with Federation officials confidently predicting that last year's attendance record would be shattered.

Polonia, the Cup holders, will be hard to beat and the youngsters should again prove a big drawcard.

They have lost their captain, Gerry Pettit, to interstate but will be compensated by the return of capable fullback, Ron Heapy.

West Adelaide Hellas appear almost certain semifinalists in Group B and a successful Hellas is synonymous with big crowds.

Hellas will have a big gap to fill to replace midfield playmaker Peter Jaksa, who has contracted to coach second division side Beograd.

On the credit side for the 1966 champions is the signing of Greek forward, Christos Athanasaidis, 22, and former SA attacker Laurie Peterson from Cumberland.

Juventus are again certain to pack in the crowds when they make their first appearance on January 30.

Judged on his showing against APIA, Giovanni Meneghetti, who is on loan from AC Milan, will boost Juventus in their Ampol Cup bid.

The amalgamation of Enfield City and Elizabeth City and the expected emergence of a bright new star-studded team, is sure to capture the imagination of fans.

The form of Port Adelaide,

as they strive to justify their promotion ahead of second division premiers Birkalla, has sparked off tremendous interest.

Similarly, Seaciff-Austria who were granted a relegation reprieve, are out to prove that the Federation made the correct decision.

Croatia's prospects look good, particularly with the return of key half back, Frank Lister from overseas.

Motivation and incentive aplenty — coupled with the appearance of new players — point to a terrific season.

The only cloud to darken this bright horizon could be the enforced switch of venue

from Hindmarsh to Norwood.

The first five nights of the competition will be played at Norwood because work on Hindmarsh accommodation will not be finished for at least six weeks.

The change of grounds may not harm crowds but the swap to Thursday instead of Friday night for the first two weeks could affect overall attendances.

Four games in the short space of four days may prove a deterrent.

Let's hope not, because this current series with its \$1,000 prizemoney should be deserving of record support.

Coaches hold camp in SA

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The inaugural coaching camp of the South Australian Coaches Federation, held at the O'Sullivan National Fitness Camp on December 16-18, was an unqualified success.

The camp has first-rate facilities, and is 20 miles from Adelaide.

Active in arrangements were Tom Forde, SA Director of Coaching, and SA Federation secretary, Len Wilmer.

South Australian lecturers were Geoff Davis (SA Education Dept. — physical conditioning), R. Jackson (sports injuries), and Tom Forde (coaching).

Adelaide referee D. Grant also gave an outstanding talk on the refereeing arts.

Visiting lecturers were J. Vlasits and Dave Wardell.

The extent of the co-operation behind the venture can be gauged from the fact that the Australian Federation paid Vlasits' expenses, whilst Wardell was sponsored by the NSW coaches.

Tom Forde will examine the candidates for their certificates.

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